

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat on (02) 9230 3311. Further information about the inquiry can be found at the Committee's website at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/fishinginquiry>.

Yours sincerely

  
 John Young  
 Principal Council Officer

MUCH OF THE INFORMATION NEEDED IS OBTAINABLE ONLY THROUGH PSG/MP WITH WHICH I HAVE VERY STRAINED RELATIONS. I WILL ENDEAVOUR TO TRYING TO GET MORE DETAILS FOR YOU + THE COMMITTEE. (MP)

Mr Young,

COULD YOU PLEASE PASS ON THESE ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS THAT SHOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE BOATING/ANGLING PUBLIC.

THE ISSUE IS TAX ON SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

AS IT IS MANDATORY TO HAVE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, EVERY NEW BOAT SOLD SHOULD HAVE THE OPTIONAL INSURE OR OFFSHORE SAFETY PACKAGE, MANDATORILY SUPPLIED WITH THE VESSEL - LESS SALES TAX - WHEN THE REGISTRATION IS RENEWED, THE DATES OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE KNOWN + BOATER ADVISED TO UPDATE.

IF NOT - THE TAX SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE MARINE RESCUE TO SUBSIDISE THERE EQUIPMENT, COMBINED WITH FISHERIES/WATERWAYS + WATER POLICE.

NOTE: THE MPA HAVE MORE THAN THERE SHARES OF PUBLIC MONEY TO WASTE -

Max Forest (MP)

## Additional questions from members

Mr Max Frost

- 1 Do you think there is any advantage, either in cost saving or operational efficiency, in merging the operations of the Marine Parks Authority, the Department of Fisheries, and NSW Waterways?

If some amalgamation was to take place, under which of these agencies is it most appropriate to amalgamate these operations?

- ① THE MERGING OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEPT'S, SHOULD GREATLY IMPROVE EFFICIENCY + GROSS EXPENDITURE.
- ② FISHERIES ARE THE OBVIOUS AUTHORITY IS THEY HAVE THE MOST POWERFUL LAWS AND ARE SCIENCE BASED, MARINE PARKS HAVE PICKED OUT THE "POLITICALLY CORRECT" EX-FISHERIES + NOT THEIR SCIENTISTS. MARITIME ARE A BASIC REGULATORY BODY ONLY. WATER POLICE SHOULD ALSO BE INVOLVED.

PLEASE NOTE: AT A PSGLMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 7/4/2006, 2 KEY QUESTIONS/POINTS OF INTEREST, WERE RAISED AND IGNORED.

- ① MR LEO LUKIN (COMMERCIAL REP) PRESENTED A MAP ON GREY NURSE SHARK OCCURANCES IN DEEP WATER. YOUR ENQUIRY IS INTO THE BENEFITS TO REC FISH LICENCE HOLDERS. THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED GREAT RESTRICTIONS ON THESE LICENCE HOLDERS BY IMPLEMENTING MARINE PARKS, BASED ON →

NON SCIENCE BASED, POLITICALLY MOTIVATED GUESS WORK. DIVERS CANNOT GO TO THE DEPTHS THESE LARGER BREEDING SHARKS HAVE BEEN FOUND. THEREFORE, THE MARINE PARKS SHOULD BE ALL REZONED TO PROTECT THE EXISTING PROTECTED SPECIES, NOMINATED BY NSW STATE FISHERIES.

(B) SECONDLY, AT THE SAME MEETING, MR DAVID BOOTH (REPRESENTING MARINE SCIENCE) ASKED, "WHY MARINE SCIENTISTS HAVE NOT HAD ANY INPUT?" AND MADE REFERENCE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHER PROTECTED SPECIES.

CAN YOU SEE WHY I AM DISENCHANTED ABOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS!

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MENTION THE CURRENT FISHERIES ENCOURAGED INTO MULLOWAY, AS COMMERCIAL EFFORTS HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY, IN SPAWNING SEASON. LOCAL COMMERCIAL BEACH HAULERS ARE TARGETING LARGE SCHOOLS OF MULLOWAY, WITHIN THE GLPS, MARINE PARK, GOING TO THE EXTREMES OF TRYING A HEAVY OFFSHORE SEW NET, AS THEIR LEGAL NETS ARE BREAKING UNDER THE WEIGHT, INJURING AND KILLING BREEDING STOCK.

IF YOU ALSO HAD ~~DOUBTS~~ DOUBTS ABOUT THE EFFECT OF MARINE PARKS ON THE LICENCE HOLDERS, WHILE YOU WERE MEETING IN PORT MACQUARIE, THE ATTACHED MEDIA RELEASE WAS FAXED TO ME.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,





**Duncan Gay MLC  
NSW Shadow Minister for Industry  
Leslie Williams  
Nationals Candidate Port Macquarie**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**VICTORY FOR LOCAL FISHING COMMUNITY**

Shadow Minister for Industry Duncan Gay and Nationals Candidate for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams today welcomed reports that NSW Labor would rule out a marine park from Lake Cathie to Crowdy Head.

"We are hopeful there is truth in Today's ABC radio report that Environment Minister Frank Sartor will rule out a National Parks Association (NPA) recommendation for a marine park between Lake Cathie and Crowdy Head," said Mr Gay.

"We are waiting on an official confirmation statement from the Minister, and we would like an indication of time frame, we are very wary of NSW Labor making one promise on one day and going back on this the next.

"If this report is indeed true it is a tremendous victory for the local fishing groups and industry, as well as our very hard working Nationals Member Leslie Williams.

"Over the last few years Leslie has campaigned hard against the marine park proposal, and put the pressure on NSW Labor to rule out the NPA's recommendation."

Mr Gay said local Member Peter Besseling had not lifted a finger to fight for fishermen on this issue.

"Mr Besseling has been happy to sit back and watch Leslie Williams do all the heavy lifting on this," said Mr Gay.

"Mr Besseling sat in his office with his feet up and accused the NSW Nationals of scare mongering over marine parks.

"Let me tell Mr Besseling that it has been both Leslie and the community's hard work that has sent the strong message to NSW Labor that the community do not want another marine park in their area.

"I now call on NSW Labor to reject all of the recommendations within the NPA's Torn Blue Fringe Report."

Mrs Williams congratulated the local fishing community and thanked them for all their hard work.

"I hope these reports are true because the fishing community has worked so hard over the last few years to send the clear message to NSW Labor that they will not stand for another marine park," said Mrs Williams.

"The NSW Liberals & Nationals will continue to fight hard to make sure NSW communities are treated fairly by the State Labor Government."

**Duncan Gay**

**Leslie Williams**